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1. The Klimontow mine is located approximately four kilometers south of Dabrowa-Gornicza and approximately six kilometers east of Sosnowiec, along the freight railroad line Zagorze-Myslowice. The director of the mine, [REDACTED] was Benon Sztranc, a Pole [REDACTED] In June 1952 Sztranc was replaced [REDACTED]

2. The administration of the mine is located in the building marked # 10 on the enclosed sketch and consists of the below listed departments and sections:

a. Located on the ground floor:

- (1) Administration of the worker's quarters
- (2) Accounts
- (3) Wages control
- (4) Labor office
- (5) Training section
- (6) Cashier

b. Located on the second floor:

- (1) Bookkeeping
- (2) Head bookkeeper
- (3) Administrative director
- (4) Secretariate
- (5) Head director
- (6) Planning manager

c. Located on the third floor:

- (1) Accounting of the mine's expenses

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- (2) Production planning
- (3) Financial planning
- (4) Forwarding department
- (5) Organizational inspector
- (6) Personnel section

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3. [redacted] the mine was flooded and not exploited before the last war. During the war it was drained and exploitation began.

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4. The planned output amounts to 2000 tons per day but this quota is achieved only during two to four months out of the year. [redacted] this "fulfillment" of the quota is only a ruse which is expected to influence the workers in a positive sense and keep them at their place of work because the migration of the workers is a great problem for many work establishments.

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5. The entire underground part of the mine is electrified. The coal is transported by so-called shaking gutters and rubber conveyor belts to electric trains and by the trains to the shafts.

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6. There are two excavating shafts operated with steam engines. A new electric excavating machine of Soviet make was about to be installed [redacted] [redacted] The installation was supervised by a Soviet engineer.

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7. The mine is supplied with electric power by the Malobladz power plant at Bedzin. It has its own Zakel-type transformer station.

8. The output of the mine is shipped by trains on the railroad siding to the freight junction Zagorze Dabrowskie and from there in the direction of Strzemieszyce or Dabrowa Gornicza. [redacted]

9. The whole mine is partly surrounded by a brick wall and partly by a fence. The entrances and installations are guarded by 30 men of the Industrial Guard armed with rifles. A prisoners' camp, nearby, is guarded by the prison guards.

10. There are three kinds of passes, entitling a person to enter the mine area: passes for visitors, valid only for the day of issue, temporary passes for newly hired workers, valid until the proper pass is issued, and the regular passes for permanent workers (with pictures), issued only once a year but extended every three months. These passes are issued by the personnel section and signed by the commanding officer of the Industrial Guard.

11. The mine employs a total of 2100 workers, 200 of whom are administrative and other white-collar personnel and 1900, including 200 prisoners, are manual laborers. The production workers work in three shifts i.e., from 0600 hrs. to 1400 hrs., from 1400 hrs. to 2200 hrs. and from 2200 hrs. to 0600 hrs. The wages of white-collar personnel range from 400 zl. to 2000 zl. depending on the position held and the individual pay group. Technical employees dealing directly with production earn from 1100 zl. to 4000 zl. monthly, depending on the output of their sector. Other technical employees, employed only indirectly on production get from 800 zl. to 2000 zl. monthly and their wages depend on the total output of the entire mine. The basic pay of a miner ranges from 16 zl. to 35 zl. per day (8 hours work), depending on work security (sic) and work conditions.

12. Considering the basic pay the following bonuses were calculated:

- a. A premium of 15-30% of their basic pay was given to skilled miners, according to their qualifications.
- b. A premium of 10-30% of their basic pay was given to all miners working under especially heavy conditions, according to circumstances.

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- c. Premiums were given to individual workers exceeding their work quota over 100% (sic).
 - d. Overtime was paid at the rate of time and one half for the first two hours, and double time for every additional hour.
13. The miners worked six days a week and on every second Sunday, for which they were paid double time.

Legend:

- 1. Road from Myslowice via Zagorze to Dabrowa Gornicza.
- 2. Road to Kazimierz.
- 3. Road to Zagorze.
- 4. Road to Dandowka.
- 5. Road to Rabka.
- 6. Streetcar line Sosnowiec-Dandowka-Klimontow, constructed in 1953.
- 7. Railroad for transportation of coal from Myslowice via the Zagorze junction point.
- 8. Railroad siding.
- 9. Narrow-gauge railroad removing earth to earth piles (chaldy).
- 10. Administration of the mine, three-story building, 6 by 10 meters. Approximately 18 rooms; erected in 1950-1951. In the cellar there was a kitchen, a workers mess, kitchen store, paper stand and the boiler room of the central heating system.
- 11. Workers' supply center. Barrack approximately 4 by 12 meters, built in 1952.
- 12. Inflammable materials store (gasoline, oil, petroleum), approximately 4 by 6 meters.
- 13. Main entrance to the mine. Tokens issue point (sic).
- 14. Baths, barrack approximately 12 by 5 meters, built after the last war.
- 15. Dispensary and cloakroom.
- 16. PZPR office. A building, 8 by 6 meters.
- 17. Clerk's office for operating the weigh-bridge (sic).
- 18. Weigh-bridge.
- 19. Small building, approximately 6 by 4 meters, occupied by the Work's Council.
- 20. Industrial Guard office. Small building, 6 by 4 meters.
- 21. Technical office. Small building, 6 by 4 meters.
- 22. Mechanical workshops, approximately 12 by 6 meters.

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23. Reading room (swietlica). Barracks, approximately 12 by 5 meters.
24. Office of pitman. Barracks, approximately 13 by 4 meters.
25. Engine room, brick building, approximately 12 by 7 meters.
26. Construction bureau, brick building, approximately 7 by 5 meters.
27. A building for sorting and loading the coal on railroad cars, approximately 15 by 20 meters.
28. Excavation tower, iron construction.
29. Excavation tower, iron construction.
30. Excavating machine with steam drive. Reinforced concrete building, approximately 10 by 10 meters.
31. Same as 30.
32. Excavating machine, Soviet make, electric drive, installed in 1952. Reinforced concrete building, approximately 20 by 14 meters and approximately 12 meters high.
33. Timber storage area.
34. Main warehouse of the mine. Wooden building, approximately 16 by 6 meters.
35. Camp for prisoners working at the mine.
36. Barbed wire fence surrounding the prisoners' camp. Two rows, three meters high. Between these rows the guards patrolled.
37. Watch towers, wooden, approximately 6 meters high, for the prison guards.
38. Not on the sketch.
39. Wooden barracks for prisoners. Approximately 12 by 5 meters.
40. Administration of the prisoners' camp and kitchen. Barracks, approximately 12 by 5 meters.
41. Exit gate.
42. Wooden fence, approximately 2 meters high.
43. Brick wall, approximately 2 meters high.
44. Transformers. Reinforced concrete building, approximately 20 by 20 meters and 12 meters high. Receives current from Malobladz' power station at Bedzin and supplies the mine.
45. Earth, stone and sand piles.

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Sketch of the Klimontow Mine
at Klimontow

The sketch map shows a central cluster of buildings and a road network. A north arrow is in the top right. The map is labeled 'Sketch of the Klimontow Mine at Klimontow' at the top.

Buildings and structures are numbered as follows:

- 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44

The map also shows a road network with numbered segments (1-9) and a north arrow pointing towards the top right.

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